(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) One soldier, namely, Late Hav. Harpal Singh, 20 Jat, was killed on 2nd October, 2004 during the shooting practice in the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st October, 2004 in Bareilly.

(b) The Court of Inquiry is under progress. The cause of death will be known only after the completion of the Court of Inquiry.

(c) and (d) Following immediate financial assistance has been provided to the family of the deceased:-

(i) Army Wives Welfare Association Fund	Rs. 5,000/-
(ii) Monetary Assistance from battalion	Rs. 10,000/-
(iii) Regiment Shaheed Parivar Scheme	Rs. 25,000/-

Release of Army Group Insurance and Service Gratuity proceeds are under process and will be paid shortly. Release of Service Pension will be processed on finalisation of the Court of Inquiry.

Replacement of Ageing Air Force and Naval Fleet

586. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navy and Air Force need to add to their dwindling fleets;

(b) if so, their demands; and

(c) the action taken to add ships and jets to replace ageing fleets?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The review of Force level of Indian Navy and Air Force is an ongoing process keeping in view the prevailing security environment, threat perception, emerging technologies and availability of funds. Steps are taken by the Government to meet any deficiencies to ensure full defence preparedness at all times. A number of new projects have been approved by the Government to modernize the fleets of Indian Navy and Air Force.